



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region # 7

Meeting Date: 08 September 2006

Meeting Location: Blackford County Courthouse Annex,
Hartford City, IN

Council Members Present:

Dir. Steve Cox, Randolph Co. DCS; Dir. Chuck Osterholt, Grant Co. DCS; Pat Ergle, FCM, Delaware Co.DCS; George Herman, Supervisor, Grant Co. DCS ; Judge Bruce Bade, Blackford Circuit Court

Council Members Absent:

Dir. Betty Lyons, Blackford County; Judge Richard Dailey, Delaware County Courts; Judge Brian Hutchinson, Jay County Circuit Court; Harriett Weekly, Foster Parent; Reg. Mgr. Marilyn Scales; Deb McGriff-Tharp, CASA.

Others In Attendance:

Dir. Chris Wagner (for Marilyn Scales); Dan Arens & Ryan Rhodes, Meridian Services; Rodney Barbee, Wernle Children's Home; Deana Reece, Family Service Society

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Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 p.m.:

1. Update from Meridian Services on Community Partners Program. Ryan Rhodes has been hired as Program Coordinator, effective 9-11-2006. Ryan would like to contact each local Office for input on expectations, etc. Meridian plans to hire the 1st 2 case managers within 2 weeks, and they anticipate starting neighborhood liaisons before the scheduled start time (late October). Dan would like to have 12 – 15 community members on the Advisory Board for Community Partners. If anyone has suggestions for membership on the board send them to Dan. (business cards distributed)
2. Local office budgets were distributed, with the following comment: Blackford budget decreased 16 %, Delaware increased 14.5 %, Grant increased 18.7 %, Jay decreased 2.9 %, and Randolph decreased 10 %.
3. Handouts were distributed for review on RSC protocol (draft); voluntary services reduction plan; State CW Services allocations; and Service

Standards for Community Partners for Child Safety. Comments were encouraged and suggested to be brought to the October meeting.

4. Council members were advised of the most recent changes for the State-wide DCS Meetings scheduled for 9/14. More information to be forthcoming to county offices upon Regional Managers return next week.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: Friday, October 13, 2006 1:00 p.m., Blackford County Courthouse Annex, Hartford City, IN.

Meeting Adjourned at: 1:20 p.m.